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NOTIFICATION

The Governor is hereby pleased to lay down the guidelines/criteria for implementation of Comprehensive Educational Loan Scheme (CELS), Chief Minister's Self Employment Scheme (CMSES), Chief Minister's Free Scholarship Scheme (CMFSS) and for grant of training/vocational courses under Skill Development Scheme implemented by the Directorate of Capacity Building, DoPART, Government of Sikkim, as under, namely:-

I. COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL LOAN SCHEME (CELS)

1) ELIGIBILITY

(i) Benefit shall be restricted to children of persons whose gross income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakhs annually for study within India, and Rs. 5.00 lakhs in case of study in foreign countries. The Income Certificate shall be certified by the District Collector concerned, subject to revision from time to time. The District Collectors shall, however, ensure that income certificate given by their officers are accurate.

(ii) Fifty percent of the total amount shall be reserved for the wards of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. In case the number of such candidates is insufficient the reserved amount shall be released for other candidates falling under (i) above.

(iii) Children of Government/Public Sector Undertaking employees shall also be eligible subject to clauses (i) and (ii) above.

(iv) For a candidate to be eligible for the loan, the institution where he seeks to pursue further studies, whether in India or abroad must be recognized by the competent authority on the subject in India.

(v) In case of discontinuity of studies, the beneficiary/co-applicant shall be liable to refund the entire amount of loan within a period not exceeding one year.

(vi) Not more than one member of a family shall be considered for the benefit, save in case of BPL families.

(vii) Only members of the Below Poverty Line families shall be covered for study within Sikkim.

(2) AMOUNT

(i) Amount available under the Scheme shall be disbursed in the same proportion to different categories of people of Sikkim as provided under State Government HRDD Notification No. 91/Est.-I/Edu dated 26th June, 2004 for allotment of seats for pursuing studies in various educational institutions in and outside the State.

(ii) The quantum of loan for study within Sikkim (only for full time professional course) shall be restricted to a maximum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs, study in India to a maximum of Rs. 7.50 lakhs and study abroad to a maximum of Rs 15.00 lakhs.

(iii) In case of death of a loanee, the co-applicant shall be liable for refund of the outstanding loan. It may, however, be appropriate to hold the co-applicant liable for refund of only the principal amount to be paid within a period not exceeding one year.

(3) PROCEDURES

(i) Two cut-off dates (i.e. 30th July and 31st August) shall be prescribed for receipt of applications so that all eligible have a fair chance of selection.

(ii) Within each category of the people as indicated under I (2) (i) above, selection of the loanee shall be on merit, based on the marks obtained by the candidate at the Board/University examination.

(iii) In selecting the loanees, preference shall be given to candidates who have secured admission to leading professional institutions namely Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indian Institute of Management (IIM), National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT), National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) etc.

(iv) Sikkim Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd. shall be the prescribed agency to accept all applications and disburse the loan amount at their end duly ensuring that the eligibility criteria have been met and that all necessary obligations and formalities that are required to be fulfilled have been fulfilled.

(v) Loans shall be disbursed by Sikkim Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd. after final approval of the Government based on the recommendation of the Committee comprising of Secretary, Human Resource Development Department as the Chairman, Director, Directorate of Capacity Building as Member and Managing Director, Sikkim Industrial Development & Investment Corporation as Member Secretary.

(vi) A list of the loanees with relevant details shall also be submitted for information of the State Government by Sikkim Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd. through Directorate of Capacity Building, Department of Personnel every year.

(vii) The Directorate of Capacity Building shall ensure wide publicity through Sikkim Herald regarding the Scheme and the last date of submission of application so that all eligible Sikkimese students have a fair chance to avail the facility.

II. CHIEF MINISTER'S SELF EMPLOYMENT SCHEME(CMSES)

(1) ELIGIBILITY

(i) Loans under the Schemes shall be disbursed only to Sikkim Subject Certificate/Certificate of Identification holders and their descendants in age group of 22 to 35 years who have passed Class X and are unemployed.

(ii) Benefit shall be restricted to children of persons whose gross income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakhs annually subject to submission of authentic Income Certificate as certified by the District Collector concerned subject to revision from time to time. The District Collectors, should, however, ensure that Income Certificate given by their officers are accurate.

(iii) Total amount of the loan shall, as far as possible, be proportionately divided among the four districts as per percentage of their population.

(iv) Not more than one member of a family shall be considered for the benefit, save in case of Below Poverty Line families.

(v) Children of Government/Public Sector Undertaking employees shall also be eligible subject to clauses (i) to (iv) above.

(2) AMOUNT

(i) The quantum of loan shall not exceed Rs. 3.00 lakhs per individual, per Scheme.

(ii) Processing fee of 1% of the sanctioned amount shall be charged to cover the administrative expenses of Sikkim Industrial Development Investment Corporation for loans under the Scheme. No other amount shall be deducted from the loan.

(iii) In case of death of a loanee, the co-applicant shall be liable for refund of the outstanding loan. It may, however, be appropriate to hold the co-applicant liable for refund of only the principal amount to be paid within a period not exceeding one year.

(3) PROCEDURES

(i) Sikkim Industrial Development & Investment Corporation shall be the prescribed agency to accept all applications and disburse the loan amount at their end duly ensuring that the eligibility criteria have been met and that all necessary obligations and formalities that are required to be fulfilled have been fulfilled.

(ii) Loans under the Scheme shall be disbursed on a quarterly basis by Sikkim Industrial Development Investment Corporation after final approval of the Government based on the recommendation of the Committee comprising of Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department as Chairman, Director, Directorate of Capacity Building as Member and Managing Director, Sikkim Industrial Development & Investment Corporation as Member Secretary.

(iii) Applications for loans shall be examined with reference to the genuineness of the request, ability of the candidate to establish and run the project and capacity to repay the loan. Preference shall be given to candidates who have undergone higher/specialized training in the field for which the loan is being sought.

(iv) Applicants shall be required to submit an affidavit that he/she is not under employment with any agency, that they have no outstanding dues with any financial institution and any other requirement that may be considered necessary to prescribe in public interest.

(v) Final disbursement to the selected loanees shall be made only after they have obtained the required license/permission for running the project. The amount shall be released on installment basis on satisfying progress in the implementation of project.

(vi) Loans shall be approved after proper verification and inspection of site. Sikkim Industrial Development & Investment Corporation shall provide counseling service as well.

(vii) The loan shall be sanctioned only after the concerned department/authority of the State Government dealing with the subject, certifies the economic viability and technical feasibility of the project. In regard to recommendation, the applicants shall have a choice of getting it either from the area MLA or the Panchayat or the Magistrate of the district/sub-division officer.

(viii) List of loanees with relevant details shall be submitted for information of the State Government by Sikkim Industrial Development Investment Corporation through the Directorate of Capacity Building, DOPART every year.

(ix) The Directorate of Capacity Building shall ensure wide publicity through Sikkim Herald regarding the scheme and the last dates of submission of applications so that all eligible Sikkimese youth will have a fair chance of selection.

(III) SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (SDS)

(i) The basic criteria for selection of candidates undergoing training under Skill Development Scheme and Vocational Courses shall remain the same as in the above two schemes in terms of the income ceiling of the members of the families of the beneficiaries. i.e. gross income of Rs 2.50 lakhs annually from all sources.

(ii) The course fee only for each vocational course shall be met by the Directorate of Capacity Building. The hostel fee or the accommodation, and all other expenses including the food expenses, however, will have to be borne by the beneficiary themselves.

(iii) The identification of training institutes shall be made by the officers of Directorate of Capacity Building by physically verifying the authenticity, recognition of the institutes with the national and international universities, placement assistance and the standard/excellence of the teaching faculty.

(iv) The Directorate of Capacity Building shall, however, explore more job oriented vocational courses/training programmes that may suit the prospective unemployed youth of the State.

(v) It is mandatory that the prospective youth after successful completion of the vocational training programme shall invariably report to the Directorate of Capacity Building about his future course of action/placement information and his whereabouts etc.

(vi) In case of discontinuation/withdrawal/dropping in between from the training course by any candidate, he/she shall be liable to refund the entire amount of course fee to the Directorate of Capacity Building, except for instances of serious non recoverable ailments, supported by a Medical Certificate.

(IV) CHIEF MINISTER'S FREE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (CMFSS)

(i) A meritorious local candidate/student who succeeds in getting admission through competitive entrance exam to the world's twenty top universities for higher studies in any discipline shall be eligible for the Chief Minister's Free Scholarship. A certificate to this effect will have to be produced by the candidate.

(ii) Only one candidate per year shall be eligible under this Scheme. Failure to clear annual / semester / periodical exams will lead to discontinuance of the scholarship.

(iii) The scholarship covers full course fees, institute hostel / accommodation charges, books stationary as prescribed by the institute and to & fro travelling charges once a year from the institute and the home country.

(iv) The ranking order of the universities keeps changing from time to time, so the scheme shall be considered in accordance to the revised information available with the standardized survey report / websites which shall be authenticated by Human Resource Development Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

(v) The candidates shall be selected / recommended by the same committee as in the case of Comprehensive Educational Loan Scheme and the eligibility criteria shall be as under: 1. Comprehensive Educational Loan Scheme I. Eligibility (i). In case of multiple applicants, the rank in the competitive entrance exam shall be taken into consideration. (ii) Selection will be subject to the final approval of the government.

(vi) The Chief Minister's Free Scholarship Scheme will be effective from the date of issue of this notification.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

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